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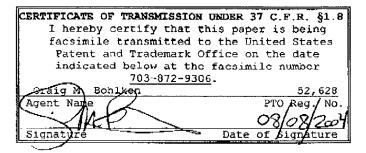
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, and concurrently petitions for a three-month extension of time up to and including September 8, 2004 for response. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1703 in the amount of Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) to cover the extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(3) and 1.136(a).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.